



# MICHIGAN HISTORY CENTER INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION

**INTERNSHIP TITLE:** Collections Intern

**START DATE:** June 1, 2018 (flexible)

**END DATE:** August 17, 2018 (flexible)

**NUMBER OF INTERNS NEEDED:** 1

**EXPECTED SCHEDULE:** Flexible, some scheduled meetings required

**WORK LOCATION:** Michigan History Center (Lansing)

**INTERN WILL REPORT TO:** Eric Perkins, Collections Historian

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** The Michigan Relics are fraudulent artifacts that were manufactured by contemporary makers during the late 1890s and early 1900s. The makers of the Relics attempted to pass them off as ancient archaeological discoveries by staging finds in several Michigan counties. Though they were debunked by numerous experts on linguistics and archaeology, the Relics gained a loyal following who promoted the frauds and offered them for sale.

Today, the Relics are part of the Michigan History Museum collections and are in high demand, with more requests to view them than any other collection in the Museum. Under the direction of Museum staff the Collections Intern will: 1) Assist with inventory and relocating the Relics collection; 2.) Update ARGUS database records; 3.) Enter meta-data for moving Relics images online; 4.) Attend meetings on the Relics collection; 5.) Read assigned materials on history and museum work. During the course of the internship, the intern will learn basics of collections care and management.

**CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS:** Qualified candidates will have strong attention to detail; an understanding of digital platforms and comfort with computers in general.

**INTERNSHIP IS:** Unpaid

**INTERNSHIP IS OPEN TO:** Undergraduate and Graduate students studying History, Public History, Museum Studies or a related field